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In re Application of :
Nicholas D.L. THORNE et al. :
Application No. 09/925,357 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: August 09, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No. GB 000104 :

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 31, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue and publication fees and to submit corrected formal drawings on or before January 02, 2009, as required by the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due and the Notice of Allowability, mailed October 01, 2008. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is January 03, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of payment of the issue fee of \$1510, the publication fee of \$300, and corrected formal drawings , (2) the petition fee of \$1620; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, the reply to the Notice of Allowance is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

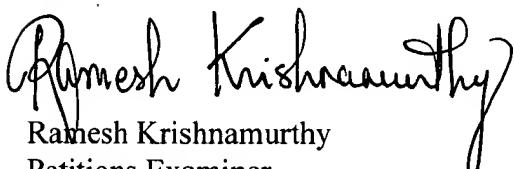
It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due

date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

There is no indication that the person signing the petition was ever given a power of attorney to prosecute the application. If the person signing the petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney document must be submitted. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the petition, all future correspondence will be directed to the address currently of record until appropriate instructions are received.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Tredelle Jackson at (571) 272-2783.

This application is being referred to the Office of Data Management for further processing into a patent.



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